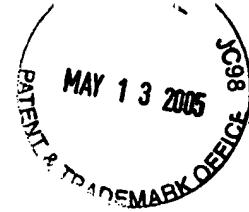


REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114



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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on April 12, 2005
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other: _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. Fee amount \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) enclosed. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other: _____

3. **Fees**

- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e); Small Entity \$395.00, other than small entity \$790.00. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)

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- a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$620.00 (Check No. 15112) enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 16-0607 in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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